

I neglected to state in application the age of the said  
Henrietta M. Warthan - she called herself 67 but  
stated that she was married in the year 1832 at the age  
of 23 years, which makes her over 70 years old -  
E. C. Stebbins Attorney

New Hampton, Iowa, July 12<sup>th</sup> 1880

Sir;

In the Pension Claim No. 150605 of Nicholas Warthan father of Emanuel Warthan late Private Co. "B" 3<sup>rd</sup> Regiment Minnesota Infantry - I herewith file evidence of the death of said Nicholas Warthan and an application of his widow Henriette M. Warthan that she be made a substituted applicant in said Claim of the said Nicholas Warthan deceased and that said case be reopened and pension granted to her as though the original claim had been filed by her and in her name.

Nicholas Warthan had no education at all, was extremely aged and had no one to look after his interest and was so poor that he seems to have found no one who cared to pay much attention to his claim and so it was dropped during his lifetime, and since his death his widow has been so deaf, and so infirm and so poor that she could do nothing or procure anything done in the case for her, Last week her son-in-law Nicholas Binder who has sheltered her for the past two years, but who is not able to support her (having 7 or 8 children - 2 by a former marriage and 5 or 6 by his marriage with the said Susan Warthan) having small means and being in debt; and not wishing to send her to the County Poor House

brought her to my office, to see what  
could be done towards procuring for her  
this Pension to which she is so justly en-  
titled and so richly deserving of. I got  
from her, with much difficulty, the enclosed  
statement, on account of her extreme deafness,  
Poor old women! she has seen pretty rough  
times and the prospect of going to the Poor-  
house seems a doom too much in her bitter cup-  
she says it wouldn't seem so hard for her to  
go if it were not for her deafness - and she  
knows her son-in-law is not able to support  
her - Her son Benjamin was never any depen-  
-dence for his parents before his marriage and  
has now 5 or 7 children and her daughter  
Mary Gardner has 13 or 15 children and both  
are very poor - from personal acquaintance  
and hearsay I have had a general knowledge  
of the family since the year 1861 and their  
indigent circumstances, Dr. W. M. Meritt of  
New Hampton, has treated the old lady when she  
was cared for by the county and has been employ-  
ed I think in the families of all her children  
and could make affidavit as to their poverty if  
enough evidence is not already on file as to  
enclosed find - Application of said - affidavits of J. W.  
Powers and John W. Mitchell, a letter of Emanuel Worthen  
dated March 30<sup>th</sup> 1864 & one from the Pension Department of Feb'y 23, 1872  
and Certificate of Adjutant General of Minnesota.  
For humanity's sake please give the matter your early attention  
Yours Respectfully E. C. Robbins  
Hon. J. A. Smith Com<sup>r</sup> of Pensions.